

# **Horne family collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Horne family
<b>Title</b>	Horne family collection
<b>Date</b>	circa 1880-1910
<b>Extent</b>	0.3 Cubic feet 1 manuscript box, 1 oversize folder
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

Horne family collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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The Horne family was heavily involved in civil rights during the 20th century and possibly related to John C. Calhoun, the seventh vice president of the United States.

Edwin Fletcher Horne was a politician, teacher and civil rights leader in Indianapolis. He was a religious leader who wrote for "The Freeman", a small newspaper in Indianapolis. He was considered to be an influential advisor to Benjamin Harrison, the 23rd president of the United States. He was originally from Tennessee, and eventually moved to the New York area, where he became a prominent member of the civil rights community there, using his influence to help causes in education and entertainment. He also gained infamy for winning money through gambling, and using those funds to further his causes, including trying to interfere with his granddaughter's career in Hollywood. It was said he objected to her playing parts he thought were demeaning, like maids or other servants.

Lena Horne (Edwin's granddaughter) was an actress and civil rights activist, becoming one of the faces of desegregation in Hollywood.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains photographs of the Horne family, including Lena Horne (civil rights activist and actress), her mother, father and others. It also includes civil rights and slavery letters to various parties and two glass plate negatives of presumed family members.

On the national level, it contains a letter from Benjamin Harrison, which alludes to his run for president.

The papers are mostly Edwin Horne's collection of assorted papers and photographs, including photographs and articles on his daughter Lena.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged by subject.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

### Conditions Governing Use

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### Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation.

### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2016/02/16 by Patrick Ridout. EAD finding aid created 2016/02/17 by Patrick Ridout.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Genre(s)

- Dry plate negatives
- Photographs

**Personal Name(s)**

- Harrison, Benjamin, 1833-1901
- Horne, Lena

**Subject(s)**

- Family history
- Presidential candidates--United States

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Nellie Douglass Horn and Edward F. Horn scrapbook; Cora Calhoun Horne passport, circa 1880-1929	1	1
Edward E. Horne; Lena Calhoun and family; Errol Horne; Adele and Louise Amelie Horne photographs, circa 1900-1920	1	2
Benjamin Harrison and Edwin F. Horne letter, 1884/05/13	1	3
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Horne letters, circa 1880s	1	5
Photocopies and references, circa 1880s	1	6
Photographs, 1850-1910 (folder 1 of 4)	1	7
Photographs, 1850-1910 (folder 2 of 4)	1	8
Photographs, 1850-1910 (folder 3 of 4)	1	9
Photographs, 1850-1910 (folder 4 of 4)	1	10
Glass plate negative, circa 1880s (folder 1 of 2)	1	11

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**Oversize**

Horne family oversize certificates, 1907-1913

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